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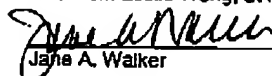
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Applicant: Gassenmeier et al.  
Title: **ORGANOLEPTIC COMPOSITIONS: USE OF 3-MERCAPTO ALKANOIC ACID ESTERS AS FLAVOR INGREDIENTS**  
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**ELECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2005, in the above-identified application, applicants elect with traverse an edible product, which includes claims 9-18.

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**BEST AVAILABLE COPY****REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully traverse based at least on the fact that a search for the compound would locate references where the compound is in non-edible products such as health care and cosmetic products, which are claimed in claims 19-21.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants do not believe any fees are due with this submission. However, should any additional fees or surcharges be deemed necessary, the Examiner has authorization to charge fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions or issues.

Respectfully submitted,  
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